



Air Bubbles



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From the President's Slate

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Greetings!

Here we are, well into May. Traditionally, May is the month we all start migrating away from the land and back to our beginnings in the water. Mother Nature, on the other hand, has other plans; for this has been the coldest and wettest spring in thirty-seven years. How fitting this all comes at the end of the third snowiest winter on record. Seems like we should change our "Dive Talk" section to "No Dive Talk". We could be entertained by a plethora of restaurant reviews, movie reviews, "How to Fix Your Dive Gear" features. Image the possibilities!

Just kidding, folks. Here's hoping that we can make up for things with an extended summer season into October!

In a normal spring, weather systems will travel across the country, "do their thing" over New England and then move on. This season, however, has featured what is called a blocking high-pressure system anchored over Greenland. This has effectively backed-up the systems so they remain with us for longer than normal periods of time. One of the storms this past week actually got circulated back over us for another mission. How weird is that?

Even though the weather has not been favorable for our diving fun, we have managed to "keep hope alive" with lots of dive-related activities. Rain or shine, the gang from DUI was on hand again showing off their latest cold weather gear. A few Froggies managed to get into the water for a first-hand dry-suit experience. Some of us got away to Honduras for an exciting dive adventure. Mike Donovan presented his "Dive Belize" slide show.

We also had a great presentation from Jerry Shine, author of "New England's Best Shore Dives". It was great to learn about all the other dive sites in New England. I have traveled many times to Acadia National Park in Maine and have often wondered if there was any kind of good diving in the area.

We also received our first shipment of 50th anniversary Froggie logo jackets. If you haven't seen one of these, you are missing a real treat. They are absolutely stunning reversible jackets with the Froggie logo; personalized with whatever name you want. Our thanks to Mia Peluso for heading up this effort!

So keep your eyes to the skies and your dive gear near. You just may be able to catch that one special spring afternoon when Mother Nature has left the building!

Be sure to check out the activities listing in this issue for more details, or go to our constantly updated activities listing at

<http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

As always, we, the powers that be, are eager to listen to any of your comments, concerns, and suggestions! Come up and talk to us after a meeting or just send an email to:

DiveTalk@hotmail.com

and you WILL be heard!

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Dave Smith

President

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Meeting Summaries

28-April-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:14 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 14 Members
Guests: 2

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Absent, no minutes read. Mary filled it.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay - See activities list. Michael Donovan to give slide show of Belize next week. Canoe trip coming up: \$25 per canoe, \$10 to have your canoe or kayak trailered up river. Club will send \$60 deposit to Foote Bros.

Old Business: Jackets are being ordered. Contact Mia for info.

New Business: Beach meetings will be on June 23 and July 21.

Dive Talk: Mia went to Honduras with Dan, Paul S. and Susan (who was running the trip for high school kids). Mia did 19 dives in 5 days, improved her dive techniques. Did her longest dives, learning to use less air. Saw octopus, turtles, morays. Dan and Mia did the shark dive. Paul did 2 night dives, dolphin snorkel. Temps were 82°F, dives to 80-90 ft. Accommodations were good. Susan did a great job with organization. All the kids got certified!

General Discussion:

- **Sis Despres:** Will be doing a relay for life, has a \$100 goal if you want to support her.
- **John Ferrier** has subscribed to Undercurrent, good articles. Will lend to interested people.
- **Mia:** when she got back from Honduras, message on her phone that her gear had been found!
- **Mike's moments:**
 - Salem News: 6 weeks ago, article about how seals are reducing lobster catch. Now an article about striped bass population increasing from 5 million in 1990s to current 50 million, and reducing lobster catch. What will it be next?
 - London Times: Article about popping toads in Hamburg, Germany.

Raffles: Dollars Box: John Ferrier
Mystery Prize: none
Bug Bag: Daryl Findlay

5-May-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM
Attendance: 4 Officers, 21 Members
Abbreviated Meeting - presentation

Committees:

- **Program:** Daryl - See activities list.

Dive Talk:

- Mia & Dan: new "no parking" signs at Lanes Cove. Had to dive Back Beach instead.
- Graham: dove at "Old Cemetery" in Rockport. 42°F at 55', 20' viz. Flounder, lobsters.
- Susan, Dan, Mia and Paul S. had a blast in Honduras.
- **General Discussion:**
- **Mike's Moments**
 - Globe article on Canadian seal hunt.
 - Globe: Lobster shell disease found in Maine.
 - American Submariner: Sub hits reef at full speed.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Rick Holloran
Mystery Prize: Rick Holloran
Bug Bag: Nancy Gannett
Adjourn: 8:55PM

Presentation: Michael Donovan gave a slide show of his trip to Belize on the Nekton Pilot.

12-May-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:18 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 14 Members

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – André Auclair has completed application.
- **Program:** Daryl - See activities list.
- New Business:** André Auclair voted in as newest member. Please join us in welcoming André!

Old Business:

- Mia: jackets are on the way.
- Dive Talk:** none (the weather has been terrible!)

General Discussion:

- Daryl gave a digital photo presentation at MetroWest dive club.
- Mary H: Humpback whale has been in Boston Harbor, 25ft, 15 tons.
- Mike's Moments

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- Globe: Brooksby Farm in Peabody, local pond stocked with fish to yield aquatic cash crop.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Daryl Findlay
Mystery Prize: Mary Howard
Bug Bag: ongoing

Adjourn: 8:40PM

Presentation: Jerry Shine gave his presentation: Best Dives in New England. His book of same title was on sale after the presentation.

19-May-2005

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM
Attendance: 3 Officers, 24 Members including Dick Parnell and Mary & Tom Murphy

Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Dan Hering – Minutes accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ray Porter – Absent, no report
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – nothing to report.
- **Program:** Daryl - See activities list.

Dive Talk: Dan & Mia went to DUI Demo Days. All their suits flooded. Al Morris was very helpful (Thanks Al!) 15' dive, 10' viz, temp 40-42°F.

General Discussion:

- **Mike's moments**
- Sonar testing in Italy shows that the fine sand beaches prevent wave action in Venice.
- 2004 warmest year since 1890 around the globe.

Raffles: Dollars Box: Rick Holloran
Mystery Prize: John Sears
Bug Bag: John Ferrier, dive flag.

Adjourn: 8:40PM

Deadline for submissions to the July issue of Air Bubbles is Monday, June 20

NSF Jackets!

The new NSF Jackets are in! If you didn't get in on the first order and you want one, Mia is still taking orders. The price is \$70 with your name on the left chest, or \$65 without. The jacket is a navy shell reversible to navy fleece. It is embroidered on both sides with the Freddy the Frog logo (with 50th anniversary!) so it shows whichever way you wear it.

Mia has done a great job with these jackets. Thank you Mia!!

Contact Mia Peluso to place your order or for more information at 781-727-1641.



Pictures of NSF jacket and logo.
Right above: jacket shell side
Right: jacket fleece side



A happy group underwater in Honduras.
Left to right, Mia, Dan, Susan and Paul.



Activities Calendar

June 2005

			1	2 8PM Meeting	3	4
5 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	6	7	8	9 8PM Meeting Video night	10	11 Club Canoe Trip
12 Sunday Dive meet 8, leave 8:30	13	14	15	16 8PM Meeting	17	18
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Activities Website at:
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Activities List

- Jun 9, Thu, **Video Night.** Sea Hunt or dive video.
 - Jun 11, Sat, **Club Canoe trip on the Ipswich River.** Contact Daryl or come to a meeting for more information and to sign up. Going from Foote Brothers in Ipswich.
 - Jun 23, Thu, **Beach meeting, 6PM,** at White Beach, Manchester. There will be a grill, so bring your food and chairs, and dive gear if you want to dive.
 - Jul 7, Thu, **"Digital Photography in a snail shell"** (nut shell to non-divers). Daryl Findlay is targeting this date for his presentation.
 - Jul 16, Sat, **4th Annual Great Annual Fish Count** at Stage Fort Park, Gloucester.
 - Jul 21, Thu, **Beach meeting, 6PM,** at White Beach, Manchester.
 - Dec 10, Sat, **President's Banquet** at the Franco-American Club.
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**Please welcome
our newest club
member:
André Auclair
(5/12/05)**

**Member of the Month
June 2005
Michael Donovan**

**For giving two
presentations on his
Belize trip aboard the
Nekton Pilot.**



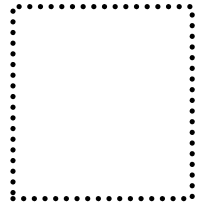
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Upcoming Events!

- June 9: Video Night
- June 11: Canoe Trip
- June 25: Beach Meeting
- July 7: Digital Photo presentation
- July 16: Great American Fish Count



NOTE: DIVE TIME CHANGE MAY 1ST

**“Summer” Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly,
at 8:00AM ready to depart for dive site at 8:30AM.**

The North Shore Frogmen's Club Meetings
are held every Thursday night at 8PM (except Thanksgiving) at:

The Franco-American Club
44 Park Street
Beverly, MA

Directions: From Rte 128, take the Rte 62 exit, #22E, towards Beverly. Turn RIGHT onto BRIDGE ST at the new light after Danversport Yacht Club. At the end of Bridge St, turn LEFT onto RIVER ST. Turn RIGHT onto FEDERAL ST, turn RIGHT onto PARK ST. Free parking in lot across from Franco-American Club.